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SUMMARY: OLSZOWSKI VISIT TO DENMARK PRODUCED NO SURPRISES
BUT MOST DANES WERE STRUCK BY HIS TOUGH ATTITUDES AND
POLICY POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES WERE ABLE TO AGREE
TO LONG, BLAND COMMUNIQUE, VISIT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE
BROUGHT THEIR DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW ANY CLOSER TOGETHER
NOR EVEN TO HAVE PRODUCED MUCH DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM.
END SUMMARY.

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1. POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN OLSZOWSKI MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO DENMARK, APRIL 12-14, MEETING WITH QUEEN MARGRETHE, PM JORGENSEN AND THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER IVAR NORGAARD, AS WELL AS HIS COUNTERPART K. B. ANDERSEN. LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE WHICH RESULTED RECITES KNOWN POSITIONS AND, ACCORDING MFA SOURCES, DRAFTING GROUP HAD LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING ON TEXT. ONLY TWO ITEMS ON WHICH SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION APPEARED WERE FINALLY JUST LEFT OUT OF COMMUNIQUE. AS DURING MPT IN HELSINKI, TWO SIDES UNABLE TO AGREE ON TREATMENT OF KEY PRINCIPLES, I. E., INVOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS AND NON- USE OF FORCE. THEY WERE ALSO UNABLE TO AGREE ON LANGUAGE REFERRING TO PROPOSED WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. DANES MADE IT CLEAR, THEY SAID, THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT CONVENING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF WDC AND EMPHASIZED NEED FOR WELL PREPARED CONFERENCE, WITH RIGHT COMPOSITION, SPECIFICALLY STRESSING NECESSITY FOR REPRESENTATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS.

2. DANES UNABLE TO PERSUADE POLES TO MENTION WORD " BALANCED" IN PASSAGE ON MBFR BUT THEY DID INSERT LANGUAGE WARNING THAT FORCE REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE WITHOUT DAMAGE TO ANY COUNTRY' S SECURITY. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, POLES AGREED TO MENTIONING DENMARK' S MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) BUT ONLY AS INDICATION OF WHAT ANDERSEN SAID, NOT AS JOINT STATEMENT .

3. SEVERAL DANISH SOURCES, INCLUDING ANDERSEN, HAVE COMMENTED TO US ABOUT OLSZOWSKI' S TOUGH ATTITUDE. ONE WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL SAID HE WAS NOT ONLY FORCEFUL BUT RUDE ON OCCASION. DANES ALSO COMMENTED ADVERSELY ON OLSZOWSKI' S PRACTICE OF READING HIS PRESENTATIONS DIRECTLY FROM PAPER. MOREOVER, AS HE RARELY RESPONDED TO DANISH TALKING POINTS, THERE WAS LITTLE GENUINE DIALOGUE DURING VISIT. POLES TOOK VERY HARD LINE ON CSCE 3 RD BASKET ISSUES AND WERE PARTICULARLY TOUCHY ON FREER MOVEMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON STATE SOVEREIGNTY. THEY ALSO ALLEGED THAT EC WOULD HAVE HARMFUL EFFECT ON DESIRED BREAKING DOWN OF BARRIERS IN EUROPE. THEY ADDED THAT WEST GERMANS HAD HARDENED THEIR POSITIONS ON EAST- WEST QUESTIONS SINCE SPD VICTORY IN ELECTIONS AND WERE

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ONLY INTERESTED IN GETTING AS MANY GERMANS OUT OF POLAND

AS POSSIBLE, RATHER THAN MEETING THEIR OWN OBLIGATIONS
UNDER FRG- POLISH AGREEMENT.

4. FONMIN ANDERSEN TOLD EMBOFF IN COURSE OF CHANCE
ENCOUNTER DURING OLSZOWSKI VISIT THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED
NORDIC RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE BOTH
NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. ANDERSEN SAID POLE REPLIED THAT
THIS WAS NOT FAR FROM POLISH VIEW AND ANDERSEN HOPED
TO OBTAIN COMMITMENT FROM HIM DURING VISIT THAT POLAND
WOULD RECOGNIZE SOUTH KOREA. MFA SOURCES INDICATE THAT
ANDERSEN MENTIONED THIS TO HIS STAFF ALSO BUT THEY ARE
SKEPTICAL THAT OLSZOWSKI DID MORE THAN MAKE SYMPATHETIC
NOISES. DANES TELL US POLES AT NO POINT CRITICIZED USG
AND VIEWED DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN U. S. AND SOVIET
UNION IN FAVORABLE LIGHT. POLES WERE, HOWEVER, SHARPLY
CRITICAL OF GEN. THIEU AND GVN.

5. BILATERALLY, POLES REPORTEDLY PUSHED HARD ON TRADE
FRONT, INSISTING THAT TRADE MUST BALANCE AND ASKING THAT
DANES BUY MORE POLISH COAL. NORGAARD TOLD CHARGE',
HOWEVER, THAT DANES CAN NOT USE MUCH MORE COAL THAN THEY
ARE ALREADY BUYING FROM POLAND. DANES WERE SURPRISED
POLES DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION
ALTHOUGH DANES HAD WARNED THEM IN ADVANCE THEY WERE NOT
PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE CONVENTION AT THIS TIME. POLES
ALSO REVERSED THEIR FIELD ON VISA AGREEMENT, SAYING THAT
THEY WERE ONCE MORE READY TO ABOLISH VISA REQUIREMENT
FOR NATIONALS OF EITHER COUNTRY WHO WISHED TO VISIT THE
OTHER, AND PRESSED FOR FINAL AGREEMENT ON THIS DURING 1973.

6. POLES ALSO ASKED FOR REGULARIZED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN
TWO COUNTRIES BUT DANES DECLINED, OFFERING AS EXCUSE THAT
THEIR PERSONNEL RESOURCES WERE ALREADY STRAINED AND THEY
COULD NOT UNDERTAKE ANY ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS . MFA
SOURCE COMMENTED DRYLY THAT THEY WERE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN
RESISTING POLES ON THIS ISSUE THAN THEY HAD BEEN EARLIER
WITH KOSYGIN.
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